

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Rural Issues, Biofuels, and Information Technology

Senate Bill 279

Relating to: financial assistance related to bioenergy feedstocks, biorefineries, and conversion to biomass energy; the definition of the term agricultural use for the purpose of determining the assessed value of a parcel of land; requiring a strategic bioenergy feedstock assessment; creation of a bioenergy council; the agricultural and forestry diversification programs; biofuels training assessment; a study of regulatory burdens relating to biofuel production facilities; marketing orders and agreements for bioenergy feedstocks; exempting personal renewable fuel production and use from the motor vehicle fuel tax, the petroleum inspection fee, and business tax registration requirements; an income and franchise tax credit for installing or retrofitting pumps that mix motor vehicle fuels from separate storage tanks; offering gasoline that is not blended with ethanol to motor fuel dealers; state renewable motor vehicle fuels sales goals; required sales of renewable motor vehicle fuels; use of petroleum-based transportation fuels by state vehicles; use of alternative fuels in flex fuel vehicles owned by the state; use of public alternative fuel refueling facilities; duties of the Office of Energy Independence; granting rule-making authority; requiring the exercise of rule-making authority; making appropriations; and providing penalties.

By Joint Legislative Council.

August 28, 2009 Referred to Committee on Rural Issues, Biofuels, and Information Technology.

October 7, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin, Kapanke and Kanavas.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Pat Kreitlow, Chippewa Falls — Senator, 23rd Senate District
- Gary Radloff — Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
- Bob Oleson — Wisconsin Corn Growers Association
- Bob Welch — Wisconsin Bio-Industry Alliance
- James Redding — Renewable Fuels Association
- Timothy Baye

Appearances Against

- Scott Manley — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Dan Gunderson — American Petroleum Institute
- Erin Roth — American Petroleum Institute

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Scott Suder — Representative, 69th Assembly District
- Amber Meyer-Smith — Clean Wisconsin
- Jay Schmelling — Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association
- Terry Hayden — Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association
- Jay Stoflet — Renew Fuel Stations
- Jennifer Giegerich — Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Paul Zimmerman — Wisconsin Farm Bureau

Registrations Against

- Pat Osborne — Marathon Oil
- Kevin Traas — Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association
- Marc Bentley — Wisconsin Engine Manufacturers and Distributors Alliance
- Marc Bentley — Schneider National
- Marc Bentley — Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association
- Marc Bentley — Martin Transport

Registrations for Information Only

- David Jenkins — Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence

March 24, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin, Kapanke and Kanavas.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kreitlow, seconded by Senator Jauch that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin, Kapanke and Kanavas.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Kreitlow, seconded by Senator Holperin that **Senate Bill 279** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (4) Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Holperin and Kapanke.

Noes: (1) Senator Kanavas.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Jeff Buhrandt
Committee Clerk